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Construction representing a 25 percent increase in facilities at Binnaguri Station Military Area is observed on photography of [REDACTED]. The complex is located 40 nautical miles south of Natu La Pass, the site of the Chinese invasion in 1962 (Figure 1).

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The expansion at Binnaguri (Figure 2) is concurrent with the development of a major military complex in the Baghdogra/Siliguri area and the expansion of Hisimari Airfield; all three installations could provide rear support for the large Indian force at Natu La Pass. Recently, expansions have also occurred at the Bomdilla Military Complex, the Misamari Storage Complex, and Tezpur Airfield in the Northeast Frontier Agency. These installations are also concentrated along a possible Chinese invasion route.

The Binnaguri Station Military Area is a large dispersed military complex containing approximately 200 barracks, 220 support buildings, 150 tents, and an ammunition storage area with 37 buildings. The new facilities include an additional 115 barracks and support buildings in various stages of construction scattered throughout the complex. The area is served by road, rail, and a small airfield.

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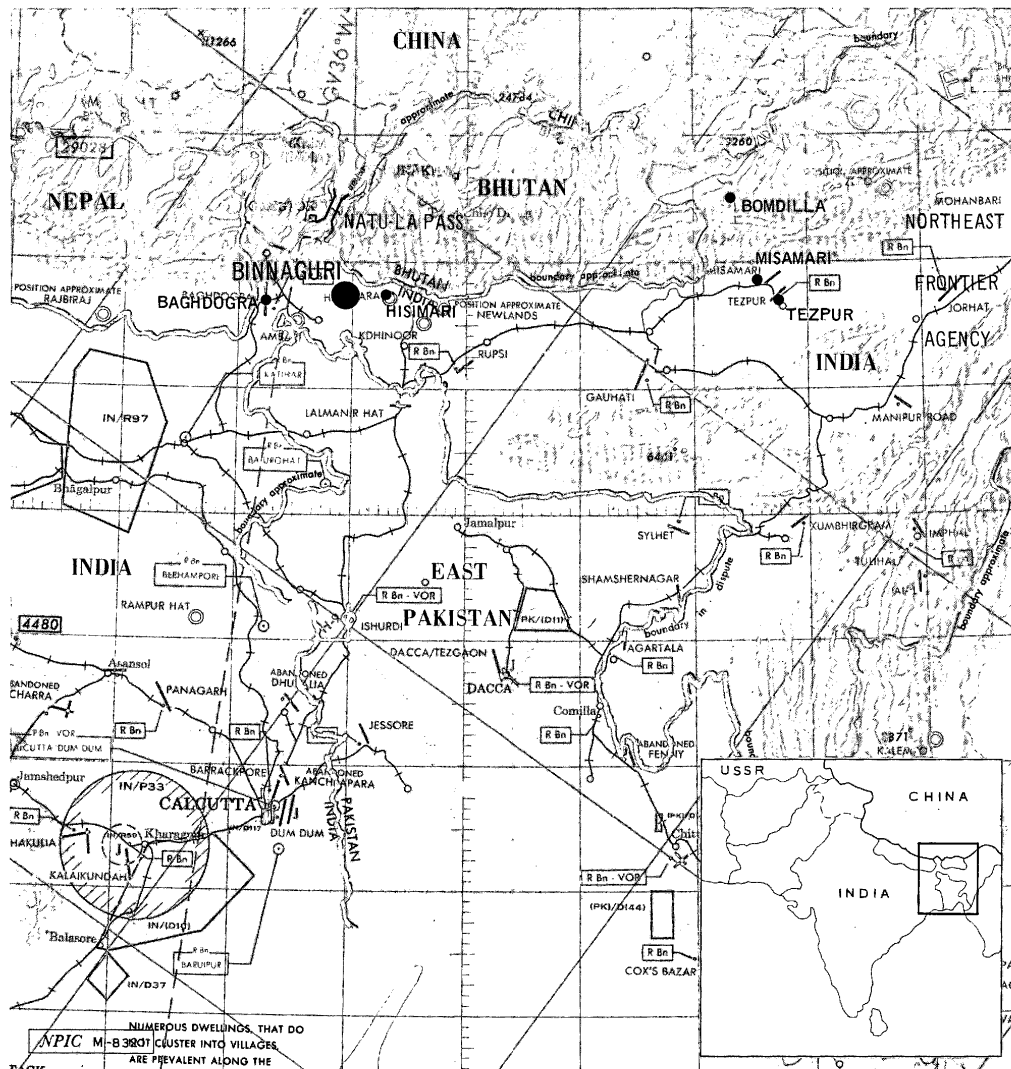


FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP

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FIGURE 2. BINNAGURI STATION MILITARY AREA, INDIA

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